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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING CROSSLINKED OVERMOLDED
PLUMBING TUBES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

This paper is filed accompanying the patent application in the present case, which is a divisional of Ser. No. 08/827,305. Applicant respectfully requests that the filing fees in this case be based upon the claims as they stand amended after entry of this Preliminary Amendment. As a result of the amendments, there are fifteen total claims, with one independent claim. This is within the limits of twenty total and three independent claims provided by the basic filing fee, so no fees for excess claims are believed to be due.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

[At Page 1, please amend the title by inserting before the words METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING before the word "CROSSLINKED".]

[At Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following: --] This application is a divisional of co-pending application Ser. No. 08/827,305, which is ^{filed 3/28/97 and now} ~~scheduled to issue as~~ U.S. Patent No. 5,895,695 ^{issued} on 20 April 1999. --

In the Abstract:

Please delete the present abstract in its entirety and replace it with the following:

-- A process is disclosed for overmolding crosslinked tubing ends onto a crosslinkable tube. The tube, made of a first polymer, has an inner diameter. The tube is inserted at least partially into a mold and at least partially onto a cylindrical mandrel having a base and a tip. The

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